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**Ballad of Jerry Gault**  
By Kevin Dudley & Caron Dale

Gila Co. Sheriff came beatin' on the door,  
Said "Boy you're guilty as sin"  
They put me in a squad car,  
Took me downtown  
Threw me in the juvenile pen  
They never let me call my mama,  
Seemed the cards were against me and stacked  
'Cause justice never came around  
To our side of the tracks

I was just 14, after school  
My buddy made a crank call  
To a neighbor's wife with no sense of humor  
But Lord how I took the fall  
I was stuck in that pen for more than a week  
Still they wouldn't let my mama take me back  
Justice never came around  
To our side of the tracks

Growing up dirt poor is no excuse  
For lack of any due process  
But that Judge McGhee gave me 7 years  
He never even called a witness  
Funny thing was if I hadn't been a minor  
I'd gotten two months max  
Justice never came around  
To our side of the tracks

Then a lawyer came down from New York City  
Mama told her about my plight  
Took it all the way to the Supreme Court  
Said It's time we put up a fight

8 to 1 decision, Supreme Court said  
Those Arizona judges were lax  
Justice has to serve everyone  
From both sides of the tracks  
Yeah, kids and adults gotta have the same rights  
From both sides of the tracks